

ABRAHAM CRUM.

[To accompany Bill H. R. No. 313.]

MARCH 9, 1860.

Mr. C. D. MARTIN, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Invalid Pensions adopt the report of the committee to the last Congress :*

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 29, 1858.

Mr. BURNS, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following report:

*The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom were referred the memorial and other papers of William Crum, of the State of Ohio, asking for an invalid pension, beg leave to make the following report, accompanied by a bill for his relief:*

It appears that the said Abraham Crum enlisted as a private soldier under Lieutenant Booker, in August, 1812; was afterwards attached to the company of Captain Elliott, in the 18th regiment, commanded by Colonel Miller; that he continued in the service and was in many battles until the 25th July, 1814, when the battle of Lundy's Lane was fought. In that engagement the memorialist acted as a color guard under General Jesup; that, while in the line of his duty as a member of said guard, a bomb-shell was thrown in the midst of said guard, and five men out of the six were instantly killed by the explosion; that the petitioner was severely wounded and burnt in the face by said explosion; that he was taken off the field, bearing in his hands the flag of his regiment, by order of the adjutant.

James B. Woods and Wesley J. Boden, of Holmes county, in the State of Ohio, who are certified to be reputable physicians, swear that the petitioner is totally disabled by reason of blindness, produced, as they believe, by an explosion of a gun, and that the injury to his eyes is of long standing.

A copy of a letter from General Jesup is appended and made part of this report:

"Severely wounded myself at the battle of *Lundy's Lane*, as called by the English, or, as called by the Americans, Niagara, I do not remember the case of Abraham Crum; and, as I was detained from my command by my wounds from the date of the battle, the 25th July, to the 9th of September, 1814, I had no opportunity of knowing anything particularly about the wounded in the battle; but the statement of Mr. Crum is correct in relation to the color guard. The members of that guard, six in number, with Sergeant Fitch, who commanded it, were, as well as I remember, nearly all killed or wounded, and, I think, by the explosion of a shrapnell shell; the staff of the colors was shot into three pieces; Sergeant Fitch was severely wounded, but he grasped the colors, with the piece of the staff to which they were attached, and would not allow any one to take them from him until I directed him to place them in the hands of another. For the gallant conduct of Sergeant Fitch on that occasion Mr. Madison appointed him a 2d lieutenant, to rank from that day. After the close of the campaign I was separated from the regiment and sent to Hartford, by order of the government, to take care of a convention which had assembled there, as was supposed at the time, with views hostile to the Union. While on that service the war closed, and I did not join the regiment again, which will account for the imperfect knowledge I have of the individuals who were wounded and taken from the field.

"THOS. S. JESUP,

"*Major General, late Commander of the*  
"*25th Regiment in the Campaign on the Niagara Frontier.*"